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ALIGNMENT CONTROL SYSTEM  
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Dear Sir:

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT**

Responsive to the office action mailed 3 December 2002, please amend this application as follows:

**In the Specification**

Add the following after the paragraph spanning pages 14 and 15:

a, There exists a need for an optical cross-connect switch that ameliorates at least some of the disadvantages of the prior art discussed above.

Delete the first, second, third and fourth full paragraphs on page 15.

Delete the paragraph spanning pages 15 and 16.

Delete the first, second, third and fourth full paragraphs on page 16.